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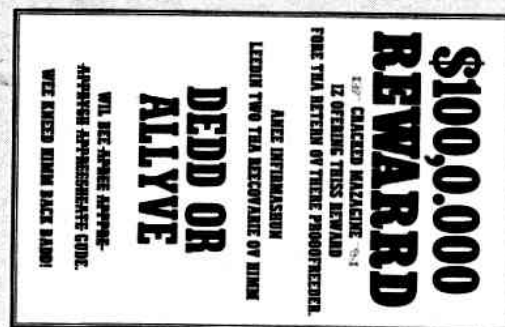
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WHAT'S UP FRONT OUR COVER

Look who's signing autographs now! That's right, Sylvester and CRACKED are bigger and more popular than ever! (Sylvester himself is up to 3'11"—an all time personal high.) Mustn't forget the "little people," though. Line up Fonz, Kotter, Barbarino, Laverne, Shirley, J.J., Starsky, Hutch... you'll get your turn!!!



LETTUCE from our Readers



ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO CRACKED LETTUCE, 235 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, N.Y., N.Y. 10003



Dear CRACKED,

Thanks so much for that fantastic Fonz Iron-On in Issue #137. What a great bonus! I never know what to expect from you guys when I pick up a new CRACKED. Please stay the same, by being different, every issue, like you are!

Paul Kayser
(The Fonz on his day off)
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Fonz,

Gleet Fnoot! (We were gonna say "Thank YOU" but we decided to be different!)

Dear CRACKED,

Hav a hart! The onlee reezun we kid-napt you pruf reider wuz becuz wee kneeded monee. Now yoo want us to paye yoo \$137.00 in unmarked bils + 2 subskripshun cooopuns too yor publikashun four us to gett ridd ov hym!! (Boi, thiss kidnoppin bizness ain't all itz cracked upp to bee!))

Pleez guyz—giv us a brake! take yor pruf reeedereee bak—no chrg— and retrn bad grammarre bak two yor mag-zine!!

Yore buddies,
"X" & "P"
Arksville, Iowa

Dear "X" & "P",

Our offer still stands!! And don't you guys know how to spell mazagine!

Dear CRACKED,

Recently my family and I moved to Pittsburgh. Well, for the first few weeks we made no new friends. Then I bought a copy of CRACKED and sat reading it on the porch and you know what—we still haven't made any new friends, but at least I don't care anymore!

Angela Errick
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Angela,

Don't be surprised, now that you're a CRACKED reader, that your family also starts pretending not to know you!

Dear CRACKED,

Just saw your FONZ FOR PRESIDENT Issue and it was like cool! You can keep Ford and Carter. After reading your special mag, I'm votin' for the Fonz!

Carrie Jacobs
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Carrie,

A-a-a-a-y-y-y-y—

Dear CRACKED,

Never in my life have I seen such utter incompetence. Your feeble attempt at humor is nauseating.

J.L. Boswick
Taunton, Mass.

Dear J.L.,

It is obvious that you addressed your letter incorrectly. We have forwarded it to that other magazine.



Dear CRACKED,
What is life?

Ms. Julie Fox
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Julie,

Well, life is . . . it's sorta . . . you know. Let's put it this way, life is a kinda funny thing. Glad we could be of help.

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OUR BIG DOUBLE FEATURE:

TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME!

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SPECIAL GUEST STAR SYLVESTER P. SMYTHE AS THE JANITOR!

NOW PLAYING AT A NEIGHBORHOOD MAGAZINE STORE NEAR YOU!!

Dear CRACKED,

I just got done laughing about issue #135. (It was very hard to stop.) I liked Cracked Interviews The Political King. My dad is running for the U.S. Senate.

Spencer Norcross
Moorestown, N.J.

Hey, everybody, get out and vote for Spence's dad as often as possible!

Dear CRACKED,

I just had to write to tell you that I've been reading CRACKED since 1963. Keep up the good work!

Shelly Finklestein
Meade, Kansas

Dear Shelly,

Your eyes must be pretty tired by now!

Dear CRACKED,

Did you know that MAZAGINE spelled backwards is ENIGAZAM?

Alice Laey
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Alice,

And did you know SERAC OHW spelled backwards is WHO CARES!

Dear CRACKED,

I think I look a lot like Sylvester P. Smythe and will prove it to you the next time I have a roll of film in my camera. Has anybody ever told you this?

Larry Peterson
Alliance, Nebraska

Dear Larry,

No, but how about it! If anybody out there thinks he does look like Sylvester, how about sending us a picture and we'll print the ones closest to our man in the next issue.



Dear CRACKED,

Where have you been all my life? For a real laugh I used to read TIME—until I discovered it was ALL TRUE and got really depressed! Now I've got CRACKED and I'm all smiles.

John Spitzer
Glendale, Arizona

Dear John,

That's cause we're really tellin' the truth. The world today is a laughing matter!!!

Dear CRACKED,

Why do you always show politicians in such a bad light. If it wasn't for them, this country wouldn't be where it is today!

Keith Thompson
Sante Fe, New Mexico

Dear Keith,

You said it—not us!

Dear CRACKED,

If I'm really nice to you, do you think you could print my letter wishing my brother Phillip a Happy Birthday?

Lynn Busick
Glen Cove, N.Y.

Dear Lynn,

No!

Dear CRACKED,

Do you think you could do a movie satire on JAWS. I missed the movie.

Lonnie Sylick
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Lonnie,

You missed the boat! We did JAWS in issue #129!

FRIENDS OF CRACKED



To bee, or not to bee—that is the question! Check to see if your name is among our swarm of CRACKED friends . . . The buzz is, if you're not here, you should be! All you need to do is fill out the coupon below and send it to us with \$4.00 (If you don't, we'll get out the insect repellent!) You'll enjoy 8 hilarious issues of CRACKED and get your name in it, too! Now don't bug us, SUBSCRIBE!!

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**ON SALE AT YOUR
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How often have you seen World War II fought? 10 times? 50? 100? And how about World War I and the French and Indian War? A dozen? Over and over, Hollywood keeps rehashing the same wars. Fine, except there's one conflict the movies have ignored totally since it started—the Nielson Ratings War! As you may know, every TV PROGRAM IS WATCHED BY PEOPLE (except maybe "Lassie") and the more people that watch a certain program, the higher the rating is. Too low a rating and the show is cancelled. And because of this, the networks practically kill one another to get the shows that'll obtain the highest ratings. So you see, there is a war that Hollywood's never done . . . until now, when . . .

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PRESENTS

THE

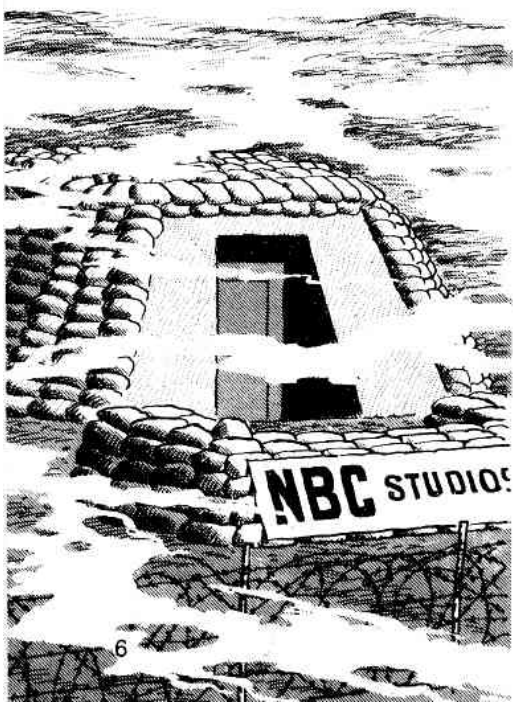
GREAT NIELSON AIRWAVE WAR

This motion picture is dedicated to all those has-been men and women who have lost their identities and fortunes in the name of TV entertainment.

*Somewhere in a bunker
west of Burbank.*



McTurk



DONALD CAPLE

THE MORE AMERICA WATCHES THE MORE WE MAKE!!

GOOD GRAVY!
What's happened to Sanford?

Sir, he took a terrible beating in last night's battle — the enemy put a sports spectacular up against him.

Oh my aching Nielson's. I dropped 5 points!

J. AMOLIK

Gather everyone into the war room at once! On this, the eve of the most important ratings battle, I think it's time for a strategy meeting.

HIGH RATINGS YOU'RE HIRED
LOW RATINGS, YOU'RE FIRED!

Yes, General Signoff.

Men, our Nielson's were way off last week — Fred Sanford here is a prime example of our suffering. But, we can still come out on top — because today begins the end of the 13 week siege. The right strategies can still win it for us.

MP

MP

And I'm prepared to help, sir. In Sunday's episode, my horse here is repossessed and I accidentally blow up Mayor Beame.

Is there the obligatory chase scene?

CENSORS ARE FOLKS WHO WANT CERTAIN SHOWS BANNED... AFTER THEY HAVE SEEN THEM!

IT'S SUPPER UP HERE

Yes sir. I go after a paper boy for 81 blocks on a tricycle when he forgets to give me my change!

WE III

Good.

LOSE A RATINGS TODAY AND SAY GOODBYE TOMORROW!

FRITH

PETE HOMELA

REMEMBER THE INVISIBLE MAN AND HIS INVISIBLE RATINGS

AND I THOUGHT THE SCRIPTS THEY GAVE ME, WERE BAD!!

And on Tuesday, I wrestle a mad scissor, sir, and get bits of my clothing torn.

TODAY'S TV PROVES THAT PEOPLE WOULD RATHER LOOK AT ANYTHING THAN AT EACH OTHER.

...YOU THINK THAT'S NICE? I DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY NICE!

That's good exposure for us, Pepper!

You're all doing splendid jobs, and to help you all even more, we're bringing out our heaviest artillery yet!

You signed Jackie Gleason!??

OH, YEAH! WELL, I'VE SEEN THE CARSON SHOW AT LEAST A HUNDRED TIMES AND I DON'T EVER REMEMBER SEEING YOU BEFORE.

No. Gentlemen, meet the biggest gun NBC ever had...

One showing of Gone With The Wind.

Oh Rhett, listen to me...

I'm all ears, baby.

I'll say!

SPOT ARE YOU IN HERE?

MEANWHILE, AT THE ABC BUNKER...

Leverne, I'm not doing it!

But Shir! it's for the cause—for the big battle—to get an additional Nielson point! You gotta do it!

JOE TOMASI

YOUR JOB
DEPENDS
ON YOUR
RATING

SHE DONE
IT! SHE
REALLY
DONE IT!

GESCHMACK!

Yuk! Even his
lips are greasy!

LIKE, WOW!

How's everything going, Jamie?

Fine, General Hospital. I'll be ready when the enemy comes. This week I leaped 10 buses, rescued 20 pigs and fell in love with a pinball machine!

CHAS. WANDOVER

GREAT! GREAT! The enemy'll die!!!

So, Sergeant, do you think we can remain on top?

KEVIN ROBINETT

Without a doubt. Leverne and Shirley are in top form, clawing at one another, and Donny and Marie have just taped a song with both of them singing on key for nearly one whole verse!!

PAUL RIANN

TV OR NOT
TV... THAT'S UP
TO YOUR
RATING

IN TV
IT'S THE
HIGH
NUMBERS
THAT
COUNT

Good! Where's Starsky and Hutch?

In there, sir—
getting in shape!

JOE TESTA

A MODERN MINUTE
MAN IS THE GUY
WHO CAN MAKE IT
TO THE
REFRIGERATOR
AND BACK WHILE
THE TV
COMMERCIAL
IS ON.

FRANK
DUNCAN

Keep up the fine work...

PUBLIC OPINION IS THE OPINION
THE PUBLIC DOESN'T KNOW IT
HAS UNTIL THEY HEAR IT ON TV

ABC
FOR
YOU
AND ME

BONK

BONK

IF THE BEST
YOU WISH
TO SEE
JUST TURN
YOUR DIAL
TO ABC

EEK!

SKREEE!

General Hospital, I just wanted you to know that my two lips are ready for action! And as a bonus, I tuned my bike... and get dis—

Yes, Fonz?

Richie Cunningham
grew another freckle!

IF AT FIRST YOU
DON'T SUCCEED...
SWITCH THE DIAL
TRY ABC!

Great! Great!

PETER HOLDEN

COLIN DANKINS

And there go those adorable Kotter kids, off to rehearsal. Ah, Barbarino... what are you doing with Mr. Kotter this week?

THE TV SET IS A DEVICE WHICH CHANGES A CHILD FROM AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE TO AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT.

WHEN THE RATINGS HIT THE FLOOR, DAMN SLOW, GOES OUT THE DOOR!

We're using him to recreate a great moment in history for our class—the burning of Joan of Arc!

WHEN NIELSON MAKES HIS CALL SAY "ABC" ... THAT'S ALL

I bet that makes Kotter hot under the collar!

Steve, how many times must I tell you—exit the cafeteria through the door—NOT the wall!! You want the bunker to collapse?!

Sorry, sir.

Sergeant, I can taste the victory in my mouth.

AND AT STILL A THIRD BATTLE STATION...

CBS BUNKER

Look Archie, they named the building after us.

Ah, Edith—here's a match. Why don't you warm up your brain.

General Plug-It, things are gettin' pretty tense around here.

I know J.J. After being victorious 20 years in a row, this is the first time the enemy has posed a real threat.

Well, I'm ready to give my all ...

J. KENNEDY

HUGH BRESLIN

And what weapon are you using?

WHEN YOU'RE TUNED IN TO CBS YOU'RE SURE YOU'VE GOT THE VERY BEST

Why... DYN-O-MITE!!!

General Plug-It really seems worried about tomorrow.

RATINGS RESEARCH

Wouldn't you? With Kotter on the left, Fonzie on the right, we're surrounded, Cher!

Well, we're not losing our battle.

DON'T GUESS WATCH CBS

You mean...

I'm calling in the naval reserve.

McGarret, it's 7:00... the battle begins.

Book 'em Dano...

HEY, YOU SEEN SPOT?



Look! Look! I've got John Wayne!

Hang it up, Carol. I've got Elton John!!!

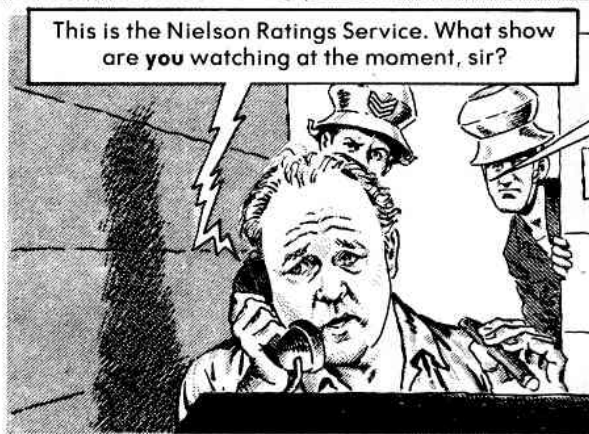


ELTON JOHN

KLUK!



General Plug-It, they got me!



This is the Nielson Ratings Service. What show are you watching at the moment, sir?

S.W.A.T.—on ABC, but please don't tell my boss.

I WONDER HOW HE'D LOOK WITH A HOLLYPOP!

SHUTZ



Look Leverne. J.J.'s getting ready to go DYN-O-MITE!

Quick Shirl, say something stupid.

Oh yes... ah... You know, I always thought that a bowling pin was something your steady put on your blouse.



KLUK!



They got me!

CRACKED is tossing a salad and losing the toss!





VICTORY!!! NOW ONTO A TAKEOVER
OF THE ENTIRE SEASON!!!

I have just
begun to
fight!

Didn't Admiral
Byrd say that
once — or was
it Tweety Bird?

Book 'em,
Dano.

Easy with McGarret.
He's delirious from
battle fatigue.

THE METROPOLITAN

ABC ROMPS ENEMY IN STUNNING NIELSON BLITZ!

IT WAS REVEALED TODAY THAT
THE ABC ARSENAL COMPLETELY
DESTROYED THE ENEMY BY
CAPTURING THE LARGEST AUDIENCE
EVER, THEREBY WINNING THE
HIGHEST NIELSONS. ABC IS
NOW THE RATINGS CHAMP.

You O.K.,
Pepper?

Yes — it's only
a surface wound. I
tied my opposition.

Are they?

Yes... it's a
deep wound. I'm
afraid they're
cancelled.

Psst! What **you** need
is the most powerful
weapon in the world!

You don't
mean...?????

Yes! It's your **only**
chance for next year!
The ultimate weapon...

... Sylvester P. Smythe!



TH'END

CRACKED is going to the police and accusing your feet of killing you!

Everyone knows who is running for President on the republican and democratic ticket and what their political plat forms are running? How can you vote for them if you don't know who they are? Well, my fellow Americans, your favorite magazine

A CRACKED LOOK AT AMERICA'S OTHER

THE AMERICAN INDIAN PARTY

The American Indian Party pledges to put white men on reservation, restore the land, and give the Indians back what is rightfully theirs. If elected, we will...



PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE: CHIEF SKINEM ALIVE

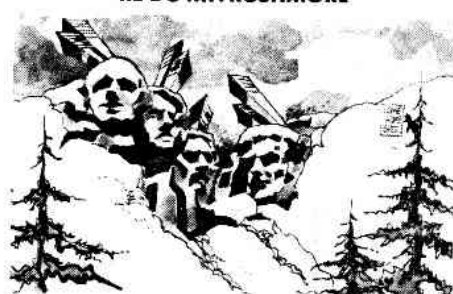
Here Chief, you can have it. We owe \$600 billion on it!!

MANHATTAN ISLAND STAYING ISLAND AND THE CONY

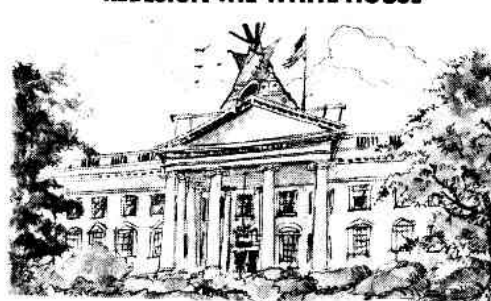
RETRIEVE MANHATTAN ISLAND



RE-DO MT. RUSHMORE



REDESIGN THE WHITE HOUSE



AND RETURN A FAVOR OR TWO



VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE: CHIEF RUNNING SCARED

THE UNITED WEATHER PARTY

The U.W.P. is a group of Americans dedicated to *clear skies and starry nights*. If elected, we pledge...

TO HAVE A DOME BUILT TO COVER THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE: MR. PART LEE CLOUDY

Yes, no more rained-out picnics!



And no more non-beach days!



And for farmers and rain-lovers... special openings!



VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE: MR. SONNY SKIES



It's a perfect system to keep a perfect political climate—oh, we do acknowledge that taxes might have to go up between 2 to 783 percent to pay for this, but isn't it worth it?

THE U.W.P. WILL WIN IN NOVEMBER — WEATHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

Campaign motto: We were here first... so there!

because TV networks have given them tons of coverage. But what about all the smaller parties that also have candidates comes to the rescue again as we take

POLITICAL PARTIES RUNNING IN NOVEMBER



THE GREASERS FOR PEACE PARTY

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: THE G.O.P.P. IS MADE UP OF ALL THE REAL LOSERS IN AMERICA; SO WE DON'T REALLY EXPECT TO WIN ... BUT IF WE DO:

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
IGNATZIO SCHLEPP

EVERY THURSDAY WILL BE "BORING DAY"!

I'm sorry, but it is decreed that you spend the day with either a Nerd or an insurance salesman.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
VINCENT V. VASELINO



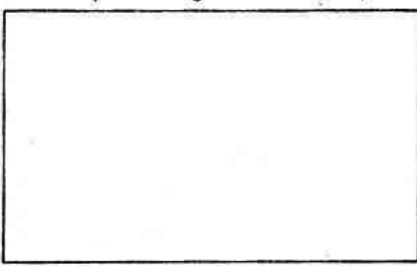
AND ALL EVENTS WILL START 15 MINUTES LATER THAN LISTED!



JUST LOOK AT SOME OF THE FAMOUS LOSERS WHO HAVE ALREADY ENDORSED THIS PARTY: * BENEDICT ARNOLD * GEORGE MCGOVERN * POTSY WEBER * RICHARD NIXON * HUBERT HUMPHREY

FOR ONCE, GIVE THE LOSERS OF AMERICA A CHANCE ... WE'RE FED UP WITH PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS WIN!!

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE: (Sorry! But he didn't have the energy to come down for a picture or give us his name!)



VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE: (Moved and refused to pose again. Rumored that his first name is Ramone.)



THE DO-NOTHING PARTY

Every 4 years, America elects a party that promises to do hundreds of things, but end up doing nothing. Now, there's a party that says it will do nothing and pledges to keep that promise!

A typical day at the White House will look like this!



We will not raise taxes! But, we will not lower taxes either. We'll just ignore them!

We will not plead to Americans to use less gas nor will we try to produce more. We'll just try to maintain the present administration's policy by continuing to do nothing.



THE UNITED FOOTBALL PARTY

Endorsed by the American Rifle Association.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
KILLER KADOWSKY
(Maimed 4 people his 1st season!)

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
THE KANSAS CITY CRUSHER
(Broke Mother-In-Laws hand when congratulating her at her birthday party!)

For years, America has been run by intellectuals who have used their brains—now it's time America used a little muscle



No more talking with those that are aggressive to the U.S.—we'll merely tackle them and rough 'em up.

And, we'll eliminate crime by eliminating criminals—merely by pulverizing anyone who looks suspicious.

And, we'll end inflation by simply maiming anyone who attempts to raise prices by even a nickel.

CAMPAIGN MOTTO:
AN EYE FOR AN
EYE AND A
TOOTH FOR AN
ARM AND A LEG
AND A HEAD
AND A KNEE!!



IT'LL BE A NEW AMERICA—A BLACK AND BLUE AMERICA!!



PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
G.O.P. ELEPHANT



VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
DEMOCRATIC DONKEY

ANIMALS OF AMERICA PARTY

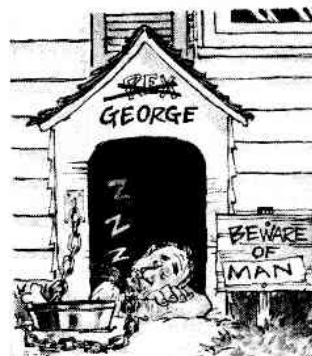
People find dogs cute, cats adorable and monkeys loveable, but still we have to put up with fetching, sitting up and doing what people want.

BUT THAT'S IT! WE'VE HAD IT!

If elected, A.A.P. will free all rats from labs and turn the tables.

And, for a change, people will live in smaller houses.

And it'll be the animals that'll be free to roam, while people...



Yes, humans have found us animals adorable in movies, on TV and in books. Now lets use this cuteness to take over!



PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
SYLVESTER P. SMYTHE

HOWEVER—The CRACKED Party pledges to do something no other party can! It'll keep the White House the cleanest it's ever been!!

THE CRACKED PARTY

PLATFORM HIGHLIGHTS

The CRACKED Party can't promise to curb inflation (we can't even curb our own dog.)

The CRACKED Party won't help cure unemployment (unless everyone finds a job first).

Mr. Smythe knows nothing about foreign policy (he thinks it's an insurance policy).

Mr. Smythe's only knowledge of busing is that one stops in front of his house.



VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:
MR. CLEAN

CAMPAIGN SLOGAN:

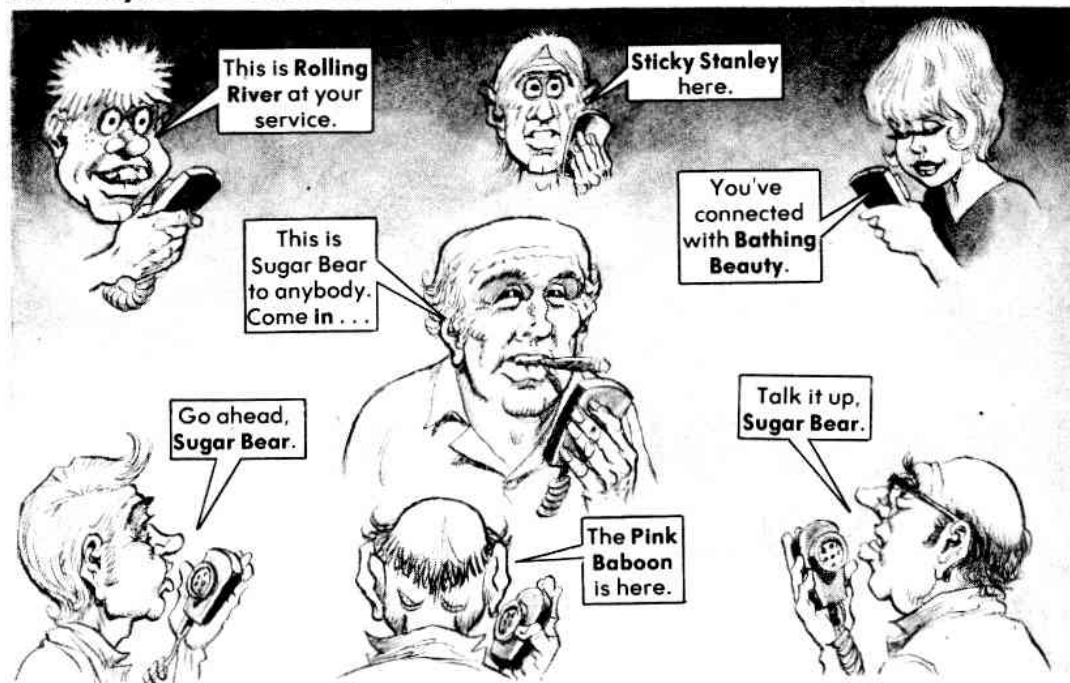
GET CRACKED AMERICA!
WE'RE CLEANING UP



Just a few short years ago, practically no one owned a CB radio. Why, a man could get on the airwaves and ...



But today, the situation is totally different.



And finding a store that sold one of these radios used to be difficult.



However, now, not only big stores carry them ...



... but also smaller stands as well.



Yes, without a doubt, the United States of America is caught up in the grips of

C.B. MANIA

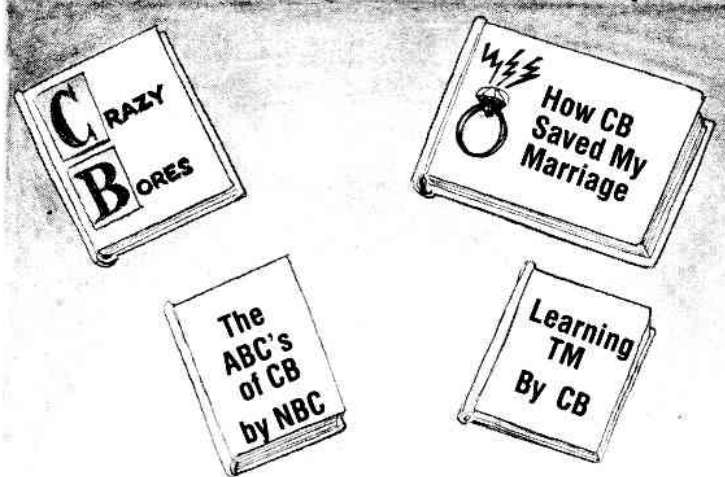
And for meeting girls.



But even with all these varied uses, there are still people who hate the whole idea.



There are even numerous books on the subject.



And in the future? There seems to be no end to the accessories that are being developed like:

CB HEADPHONES; so you can listen without disturbing other people.



The answer to No. 5 is funaus.



AUTOMATIC TAPE RECORDER: to answer routine calls.

Battling Bigalo here. At the tone, state the nature of your question.

CB PHONE BOOKS; listing the location of all the handles Burping Bertha Salt Lake City, Utah Beanball Elmira, N.Y. Coughing Canary Tampa, Fla. throughout America.

With the proliferation of expensive radios, naturally comes...



And where do people use these compact little communicating devices?
In their cars ...

... in their homes

... and in other unexpected places.

Rocking Pneumonia to 57 Elm—
 come in. It's raining and
 I don't wanna have
 to get out of
 the car and ring
 the bell.

Big Mama to Baby Bear ...
 dinner is ready.

Nice
 serve,
 Steve.

Thanks,
 Larry.

**They're used for keeping in
 touch when a person is away ...**

... and forgetting information.

**However, sometimes this can
 go to extremes.**

Plants ... Daddy loves you all very
 much and only left you this
 morning so he could earn some
 money to buy you fertilizer.

This is Dripping Wet,
 would someone please
 tell me if there's
 a big crowd at Shoddy
 Sherman's Discount Store.

Ron, I'm gonna
 throw out the
 garbage.

Wait! Let me contact
 somebody to find
 out what weather
 conditions are like.

And despite all the current uses, to help keep receipts climbing, salesmen continue to come up with even more.

**Like restaurants ... to save
 money on personnel.**

**At drive-in movies ... to eliminate
 the speaker posts.**

**At ballgames for telling the
 umpire off.**

I am your waiter.
 What would you
 like—over!

We'll take
 two portions
 of this.

Jack, I
 can't hide
 it any
 longer.

That you
 love
 me?

No, that
 your pants
 are on
 fire!

Get a seeing
 eye dog,
 ya bum!

Whadda ya
 mean ... STRIKE!

Wanna borrow my
 glasses, ya Nerd!?

However, there have been new methods introduced for deterring CB pilferage.

CB radios can be welded into the car.



However, welding can lead to an even greater type of theft.



Then, of course, there's the closed circuit TV method.

However, there could be a problem even here.



And if all else fails, one can always get a guard dog.

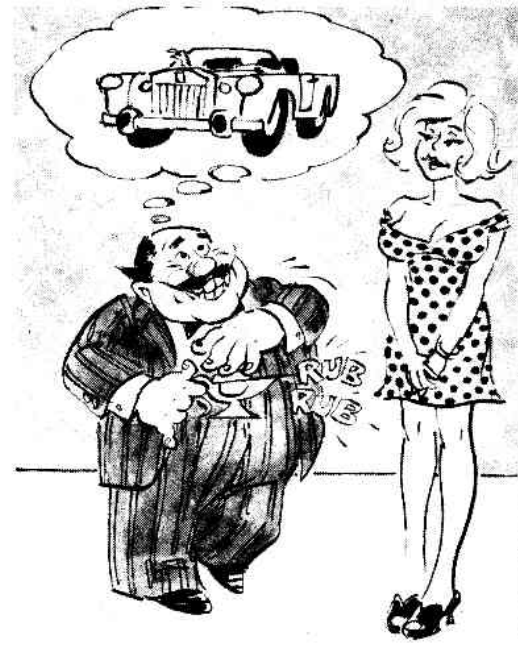
And where will all this CB mania lead to?



You guessed it—to such confusion that in a couple of years...



THE MAGIC LAMP



CRACKED

shows it knows its way around the ropes
by taking a few quick jabs at the coming . . .

FORD-CARTER FIGHT

DESPITE THE PONDEROUS SIZE,
DEMOCRATIC OBSERVERS WARN
THAT FORD HAS THE MOVES OF A
LIGHTWEIGHT—ESPECIALLY FROM
THE NECK UP!

GHOST OF NIXON IN HIS CORNER
COULD HURT HIM WITH THE
JUDGES!

CARTER USES FLASHING SMILE
TO BLIND OPPONENTS INTO
SUBMISSION!

FARMING SKILLS SHOULD MAKE
HIM KNOWLEDGEABLE IN
PLANTING HAYMAKERS!

RUNNING MATE, MONDALE,
HAS SHOWN HIM TO ATTACK
FROM THE LEFT!

RECENT KAYO OVER REAGAN
SHOWS HIM ADEPT AT HANDLING
OPPONENTS WITH CONSERVATIVE
STYLE!

FIRST CRACK
AT THE BIG PURSE—
UP TO NOW HE
HAS FOUGHT
ONLY FOR PEANUTS!

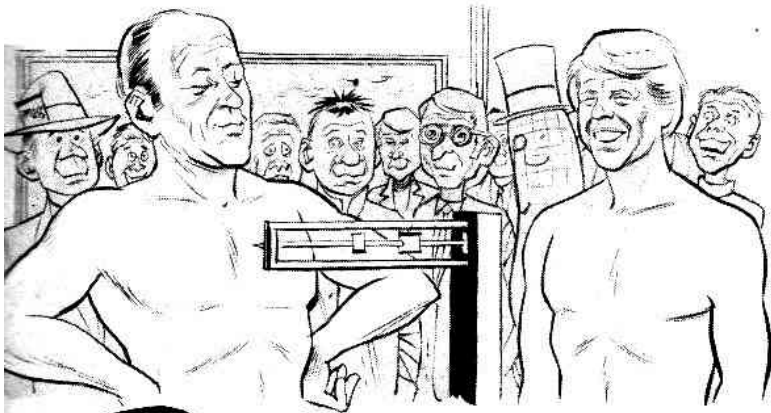
WILL HAVE BIG ADVANTAGE
FIGHTING IN A RING—VERY MUCH
AT HOME WITH THINGS THAT
ARE SQUARE!

FREQUENT FAST SHIFTS IN
FOREIGN POLICY HAS SHOWN HIM
TO BE MORE AGILE THAN
ANYONE HAS SUSPECTED!

HAS RUN UP AN IMPRESSIVE
VICTORY SKEIN OVER DEMOCRATIC
CONTENDERS IN MADISON
SQUARE GARDEN!

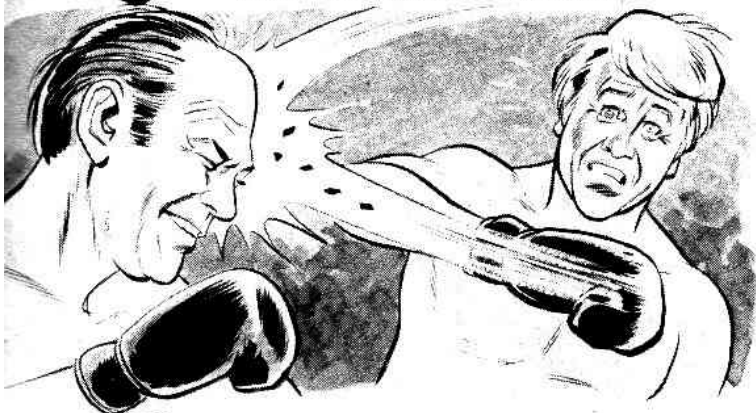
COURAGEOUS FIGHTER—HAS
DEMONSTRATED HE HAS "TRUE
GRITS!"

At weigh-in ceremony, Ford announces he will continue the spirit of Appomattox...after the fight Carter will be permitted to keep his horses and mules and resume farming!

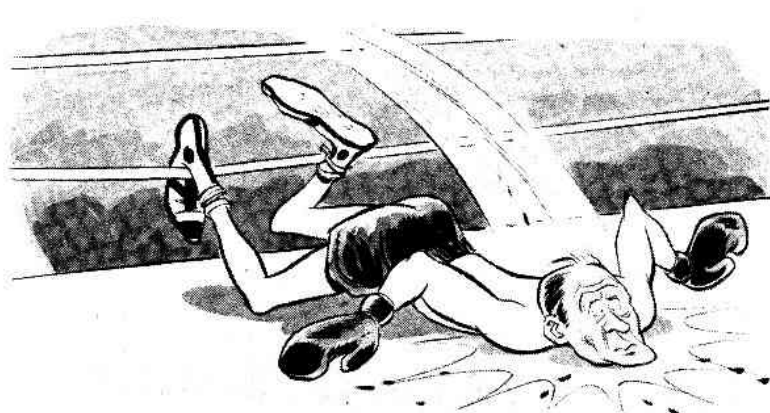


ROUND 2

Carter receives big setback when he lands blow on Ford's head...and fractures hand!

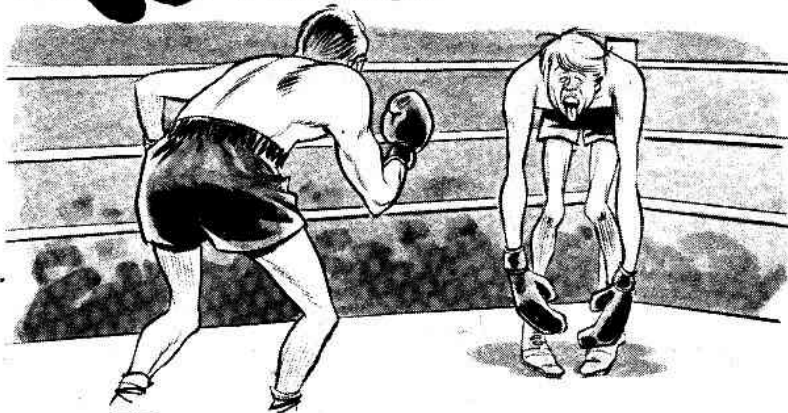


Ford suffers near-defeat when he goes down for the count of eight...and fight hasn't even started!



ROUND 9

Carter becomes short-winded and starts to run out of gas!



ROUND 13

Ford's fists come to a complete stop when he makes a crucial mistake—he starts to chew gum!



ROUND 14

Battered Carter is quickly revived with a whiff of peanut butter, and BIG peanut subsidy check from government!



WHO WILL BE THE BIG WINNER???

FOR CRACKED'S DARING PREDICTION, TURN PAGE UPSIDE DOWN!

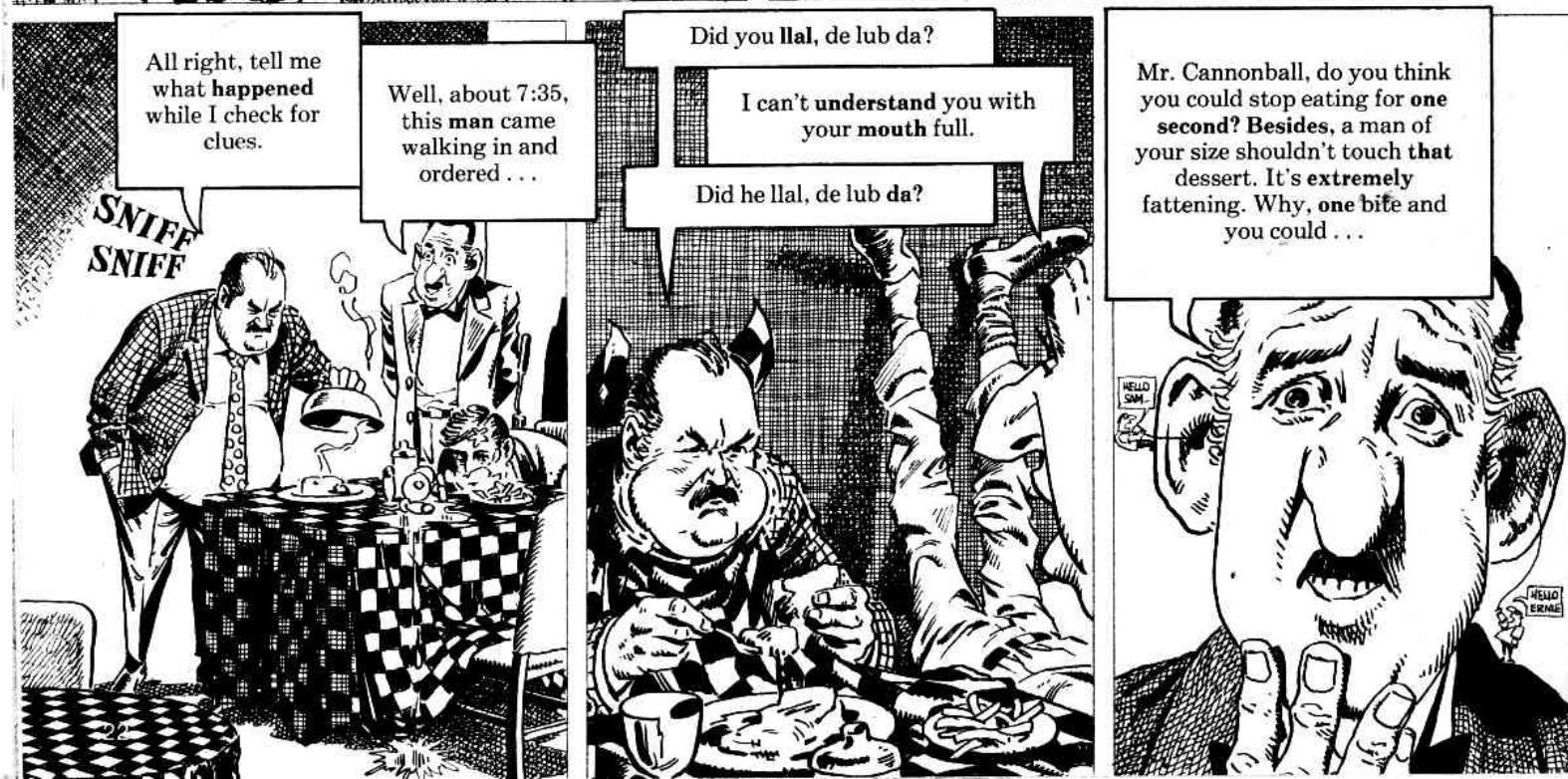
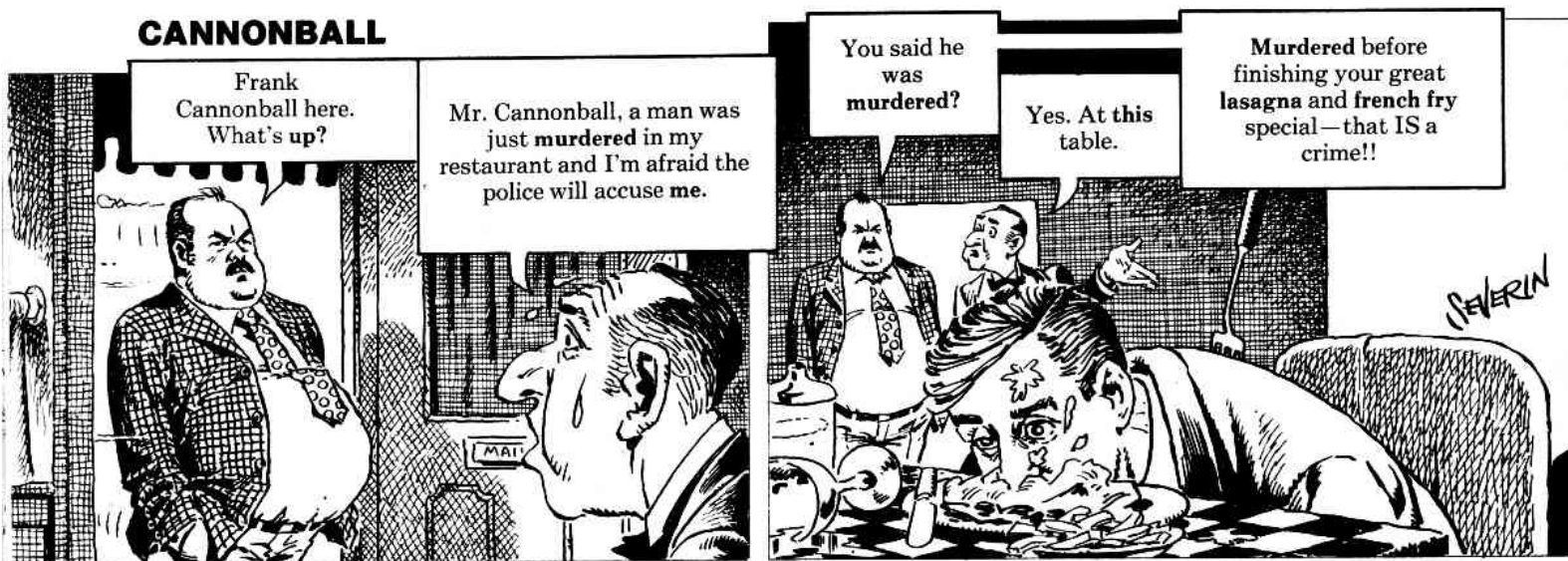


ANSWER: Big winner is bound to be concessionaire Amy Carter. She'll make a mint off of reporters and fight fans!

About this time every year, a whole slew of new TV shows hits the TV screen—which means a whole slew of old shows must be **CANCELLED!** And eventually, even the most popular shows must meet this fate . . . and so **CRACKED**, in the spirit of TV realism, has come up with a way to get rid of the popular shows with a bang as we show you . . .

How TV Shows Could Be Killed Without Cancelling Them...

CANNONBALL



Yes, Mr. Cannonball?

I'm afraid I'm going to have to **withdraw** from your case.

I understand, sir.

One **other** thing — could you pass me a bread stick, please?

Come back here you chicken fat flincher!

He tripped and choked on his lollipop!

Gee Stafra — I hope, at least, it was his favorite flavor.

Me too, Crockeder, me too...

THE WALLED-INS

THE WALLED-INS

Don, I think something's wrong with this here faucet.

What makes you say that, Mil?

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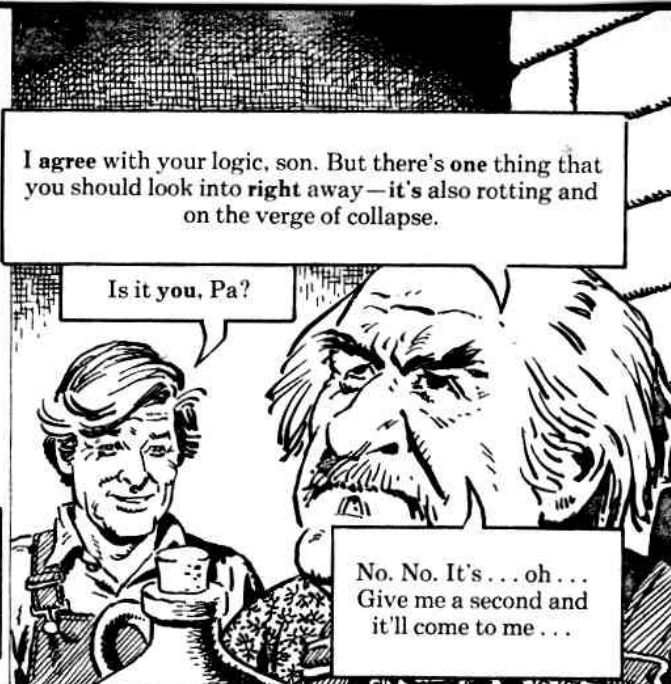


Because instead of being on the sink, it's here in my hand!



Oh, and Don, the front porch is rotting.

Well, as soon as the depression is over and we have some extra money, I'll make the necessary improvements.



I agree with your logic, son. But there's one thing that you should look into right away — it's also rotting and on the verge of collapse.

Is it you, Pa?

No. No. It's... oh... Give me a second and it'll come to me...



Hi everyone. Sorry I'm late for supper, but I was out back reading my poems to a glowworm... Oops — almost forgot the door.



SLAM



I got it! (groan) It just hit me like a bolt out of the blue!

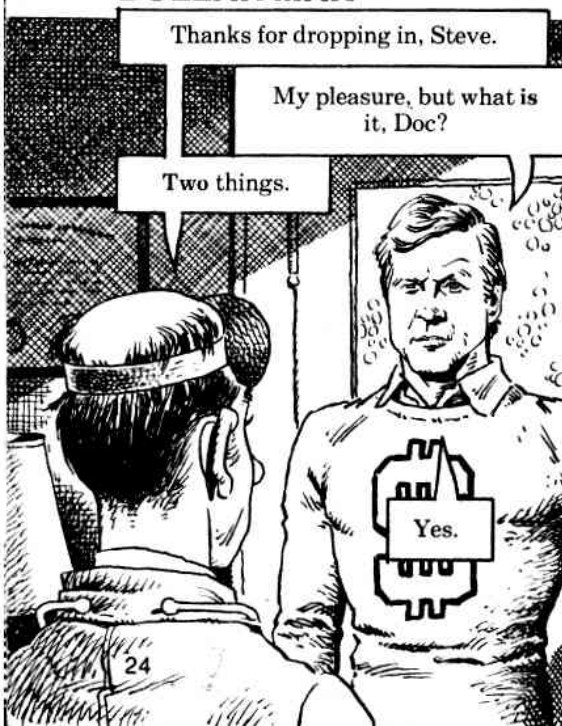
Was it the roof (groan), Pa?

That's it!!

I'll put it on my (ugh) list.

Goodnight forever, Johnny Boy...

THE SIX BILLION DOLLAR MAN



Thanks for dropping in, Steve.

My pleasure, but what is it, Doc?

Two things.

Yes.



Well, before I tell you the second thing, do you think you could first pay me for this visit in advance.

Why, Doc? ... Wait, I know ... I'm seriously ill! That's it, isn't it?



I'm afraid so. You see, you're suffering from one of the worst diseases known to six billion dollar men.

Not...

Yes, Steve... Rust!

And I'm afraid there's **nothing** known to medical science that can cure you.

Not even if I swallow a pint of Rust-O-Leum?

Sorry.

And just when I found myself a six billion dollar woman whose circuits were compatible with mine.

Well, let's look on the bright side. As a man, your days are definitely numbered. But because of all the wires and electricity you have running through your body, when you're gone . . .

KAK!

Yes?

OOOH! I GET SUCH HEADACHES!

You'll make a lovely lamp . . .

Thanks, Doc.

HAVAI 5-0

Spamo—something really important for you.

Wait, I've got something of vital importance to tell you!

Spamo, I'm in charge here and therefore my importances come first.

But sir, I think this will really interest you.

I'm sure it will, but after I've finished talking!

Spamo, I want you to put out an APB—my right sock is missing!

That's it?

That's it! See, you didn't have very long to wait. Now what is it you wanted to tell me?



Skip it.

Spamo, what's this stuff all over my face?

Hot lava!!

Oh good. I needed a shave!

TH'END

Last January, the entire staff here at CRACKED went on its annual company picnic. And, as usual, we had the whole park to ourselves (not many people like eating out when there's seven inches of snow on the ground.) And as we were bobbing for snowballs, someone shouted, "Hey, we should do a centerspread on this." And so, thanks to that person (who's still recuperating from frost bite on both his cheeks) here's

A CRACKED LOOK AT A PICNIC AREA





Who wants you to play!
We need a marker
for second base!

Slide,
Wilbur!
Slide!

Betty, it won't
do the team
too much good
if Wilbur
slides.

Why not?

He's still
in the dugout!

How do you
like my food,
Mickey?

It's not
as good
as the
stuff Mom
makes
at home.

That's quite a compliment
to her. What meals of
hers do you like best?

Her frozen dinners!

Yeah—it's good
getting away
from the smoke
and smog of
the city.

I'm glad we came
out here this
afternoon, Marvin.

Albert, dirt causes
germs and Mother
is just being
cautious.

Isn't your mother
being a little
ridiculous?

I don't think your
Michael quite has
the idea of the
sack race yet.

How about
"The Sounds
of Silence!"

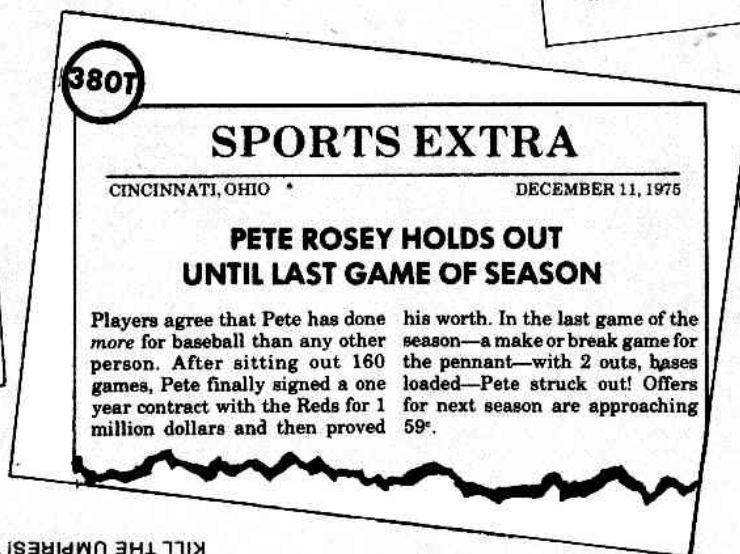
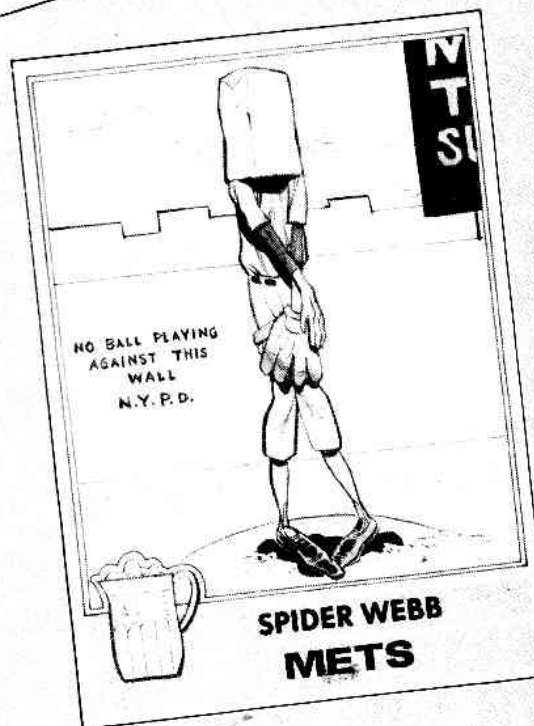
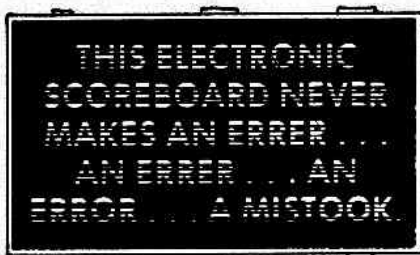
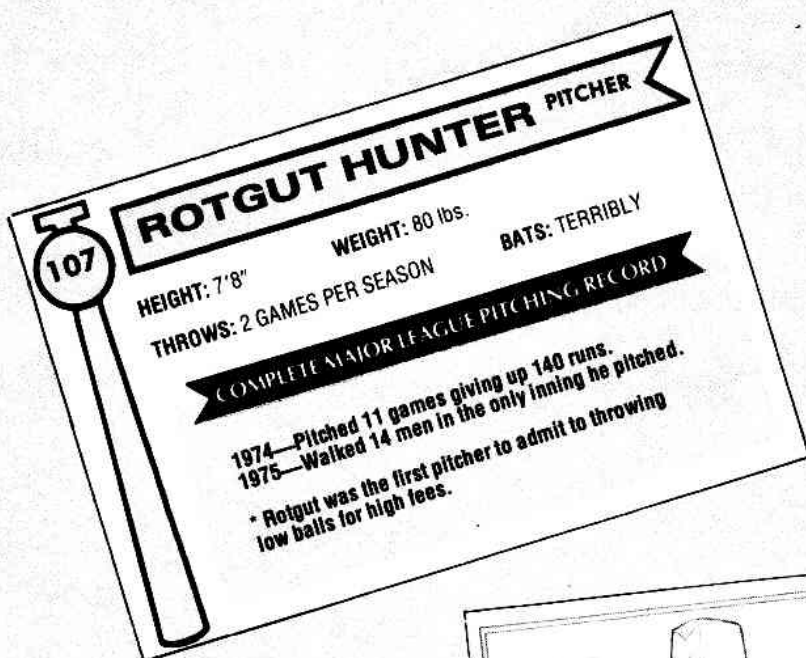
Joey, if you keep
your radio on, Uncle
Spike won't be able
to play his banjo.

I'll give you \$5.00
to disobey your
mother.

KEEP
OFF THE
SNOW

Have you ever really looked closely at the baseball cards that are out on the market now? Everyone of them glorifies the pictured player no matter the record to be corrected. So here now are


CRACKED'S NEW TYPE BASEBALL



CRACKED is delivering a slow ball by U.S. mail... (or is it?)

how rotten he is or what he's done to ruin the game. Well, we feel that these cards leave out a lot of the real things that go on and that it's time for

CARDS THAT TELL IT LIKE IT IS



TOM UNDERWOOD
PHILLIES
PITCHER

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TOM UNDERWOOD

PITCHER **PHILADELPHIA**

HEIGHT: About to here. **WEIGHT:** 130 lbs.

THROWS: Left, right, feet. **BORN:** Yes.

Major League Record

1973—Held out for \$200,000 raise.
1974—Held out for \$200,000 raise.
1975—Picked up for income tax evasion by IRS for failure to report raises from '73 to '74.
1976—Given 5 to 10 year contract by federal judge.

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SPIDER WEBB **PITCHER** **NEW YORK**

HEIGHT: Yes **WEIGHT:** About that!
BATS: Flies and mosquitoes **DRAFTED:** By the army
NICKNAME: Bashful

Major League Record

Classified Too shy to tell anyone.

1935—Spider pitched his first game in the minors while hiding inside a closet.




SPORTS EXTRA
WHITE SOX SWAP FOR JACK BROMER

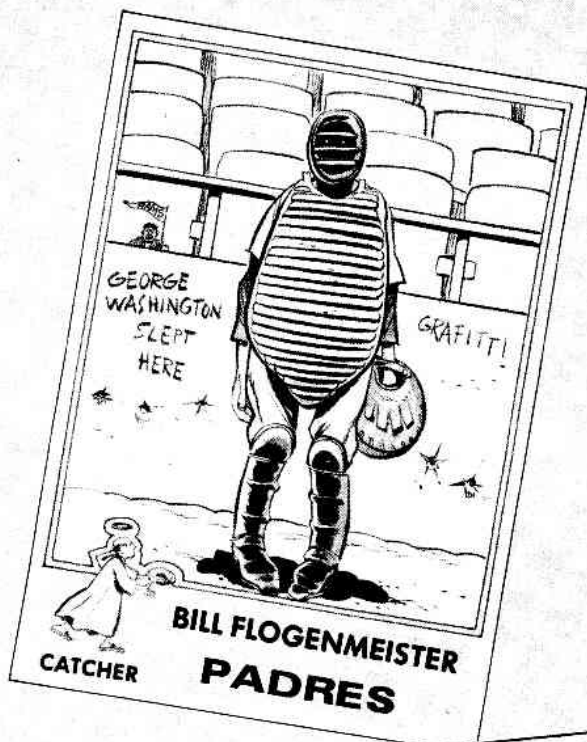
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SPORTS EXTRA **MAY 10, 1976**
CHICAGO, ILL.

WHITE SOX SWAP FOR JACK BROMER

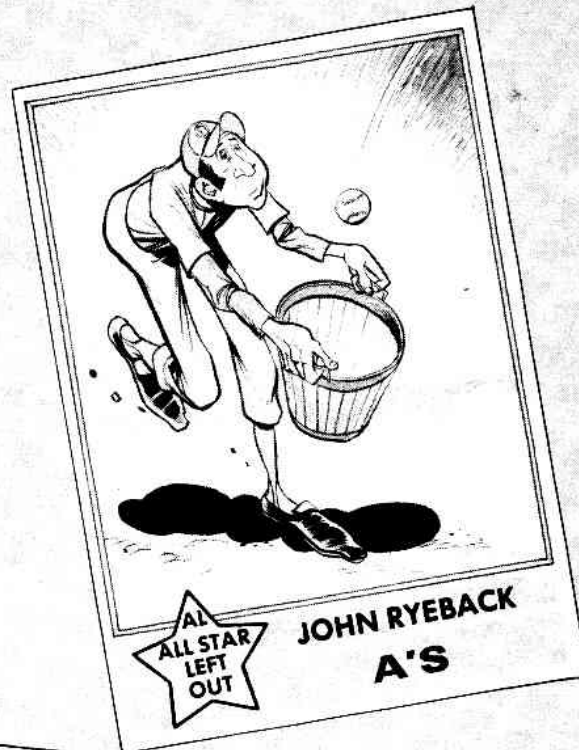
In the last 3 years, Jack has been swapped 111 times—110 times for different players and once for a bottle of ketchup. Bromer's big dream is to be on a team long enough to take part in a game.

SMILE! YOU'RE ON INSTANT REPLAY!



BILL FLOGENMEISTER
PADRES
CATCHER

**STAMP OUT
SCOREBOARD
GRAFFITI**



JOHN RYEBACK
A'S
ALL STAR LEFT OUT

193 BILL FLOGENMEISTER

CATCHER PADRES

HEIGHT: NONE
EYES: BLUE AND BROWN
BATS: FREUD SAYS "YES"

WEIGHT: A LITTLE
ACQUIRED: WITH TRADING STAMPS

BATTING RECORD

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RB	AVG.
1974	157	623	101	170	35	50	72	181	.027
1975	1	3	7	6	1	2	7	3	.0001

* When Flogenmeister was born, his mother was expecting twins, but unexpectedly he showed up to make it triplets, thereby making him baseball's first bonus baby.

GENUINE BELFRY BAT

1147 JOHN RYEBACK LEFT OUT OAKLAND

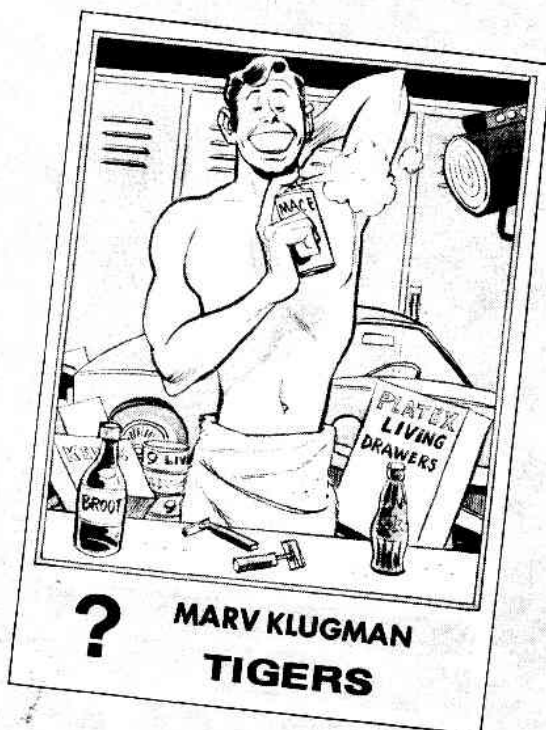
HEIGHT: UNKNOWN
HITS: DON'T ASK
WEIGHT: 470 LBS.
BORN: IN A TRUNK
THROWS: UP

MAJOR LEAGUE RECORD

1974—Missed catching every ball hit to him.
1975—Caught one ball and the mumps—missed the bench in all 12 attempts at sitting.

TWICE GOT INTO ALL STAR GAMES BY CLIMBING FENCE

1st player to ever fan ball 4 times in one game.



? MARV KLUGMAN
TIGERS

67 MARV KLUGMAN

POSITION: UNKNOWN
EYES: TWO
ACQUIRED: FOUND IN A FOOT LOCKER
HEIGHT: GREW DOWN INSTEAD OF UP

MAJOR LEAGUE RECORD

1973—Made commercials for COKE, RIGHT GUARD and GILLETTE.
1974—Made commercials endorsing cat chow and panty hose.
1975—Official spokesman for Playtex.

Law enforcement officials say female crime is on the rise. Between 1960 and 1972, crime committed by women soared 246%. **CRACKED** predicts that the distaff side will eventually take over the underworld and that there'll be no end to . . .

It's about time we chicks took over as the queenpins of crime!



ISN'T IT STRANGE... NOBODY EVER ASKS A MAN HOW HE MANAGES TO COMBINE MARRIAGE AND A CAREER?

CRIMINAL SHE-NANIGANS

We'll have to figure on an extra 30 seconds to make our getaway! Beverly will be wearing her platforms!



Don't forget to rip-off a fuchsia getaway car. This heist has to be color-coordinated!



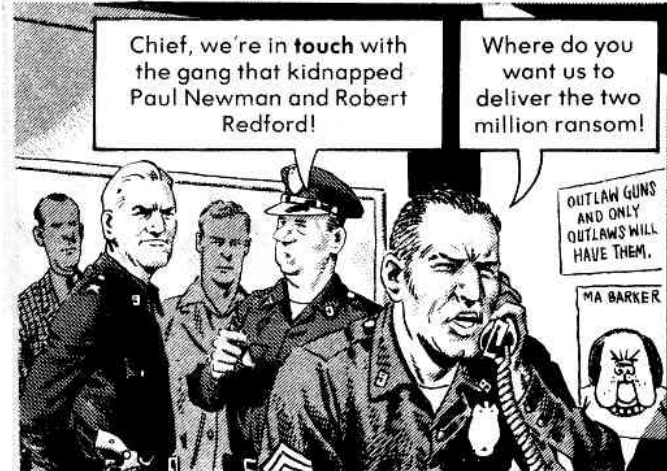
Why didn't you tell me this bank had cameras?



It's a good thing you read the weather report, Marge!



DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT WOMEN LIKED ABOUT MEN BEFORE MONEY WAS INVENTED?



CRACKED is denying you played hooky to play ball and bowing

BLESS OUR COSY NOSTRA

Listen, you punks! My husband Don Corleone is **no longer** in charge of this family! I am!

Did ja rub him out?

No, I put him in charge of da other family!

THE APRON IS ALMOST EXTINCT... MOST HUSBANDS DONT EVEN WEAR THEM ANYMORE!

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE RULES THE WORLD

Gina, give this gavone the kiss of death!

A CAREER WOMAN IS A GAL WHO EARN'S A MAN'S SALARY INSTEAD OF STAYING HOME AND TAKING IT AWAY FROM HIM!

Not until the creep first uses some of this!

Godmother, we'll make a mint with these new slot machines!

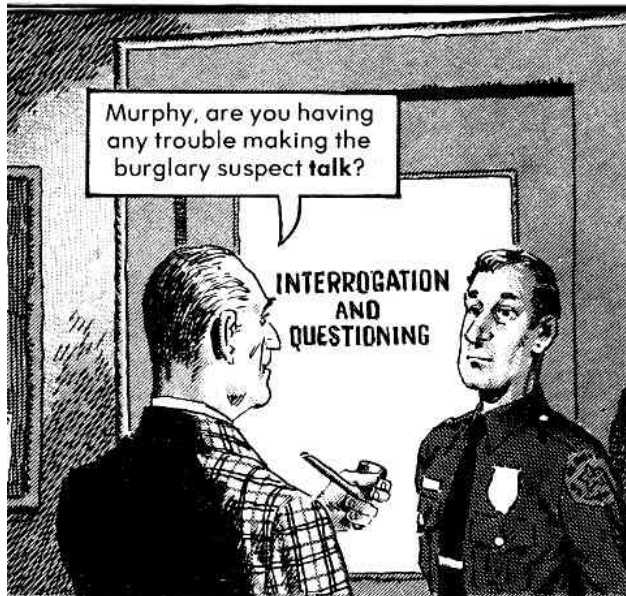
If we can ever keep our own gang members **away** from them!

BY THE TIME A WOMAN IS 40... SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS TO BE... 29

Gulp! I hear you mafia loan sharks break a person's **limbs** if she doesn't pay **back** on time!

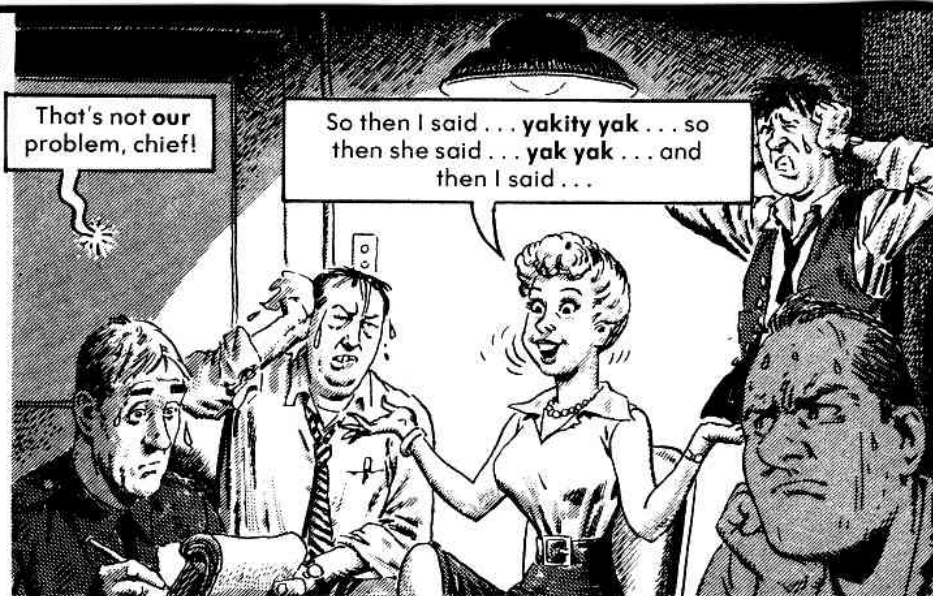
It's worse than that, dearie!

... we cut your mink in half!



Murphy, are you having any trouble making the burglary suspect talk?

INTERROGATION
AND
QUESTIONING



That's not our problem, chief!

So then I said ... yakity yak ... so then she said ... yak yak ... and then I said ...



We have ways of breaking hard rock cons like yourself!

By putting me in solitary, I suppose!

MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING... THERE ARE ALSO CREDIT CARDS AND CHARGE ACCOUNTS

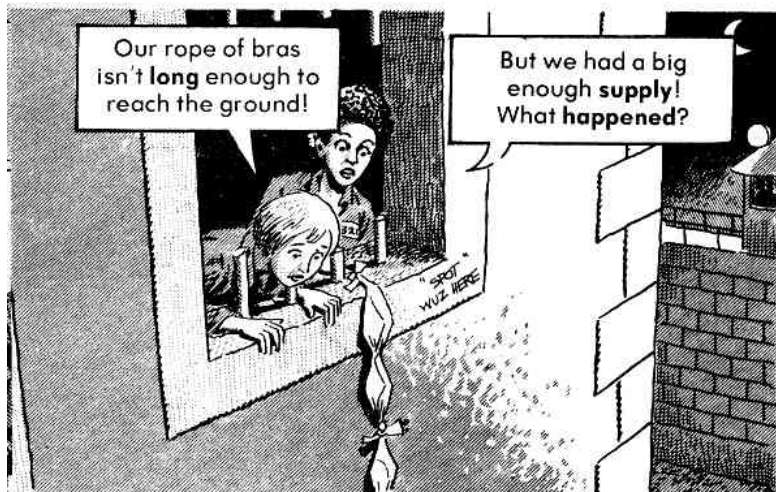
WARDEN FISH

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By taking away your makeup kit!

(Sob!) NOT THAT!



Our rope of bras isn't long enough to reach the ground!

But we had a big enough supply! What happened?



I'm sorry, girls! I burned some of them at the last prison lib rally!



Why do you want to be put in solitary?

I hear those bread and water diets really do wonders for your figure!

IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING THAT MEN DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN... WOMEN DO, AND DON'T LIKE THEM.

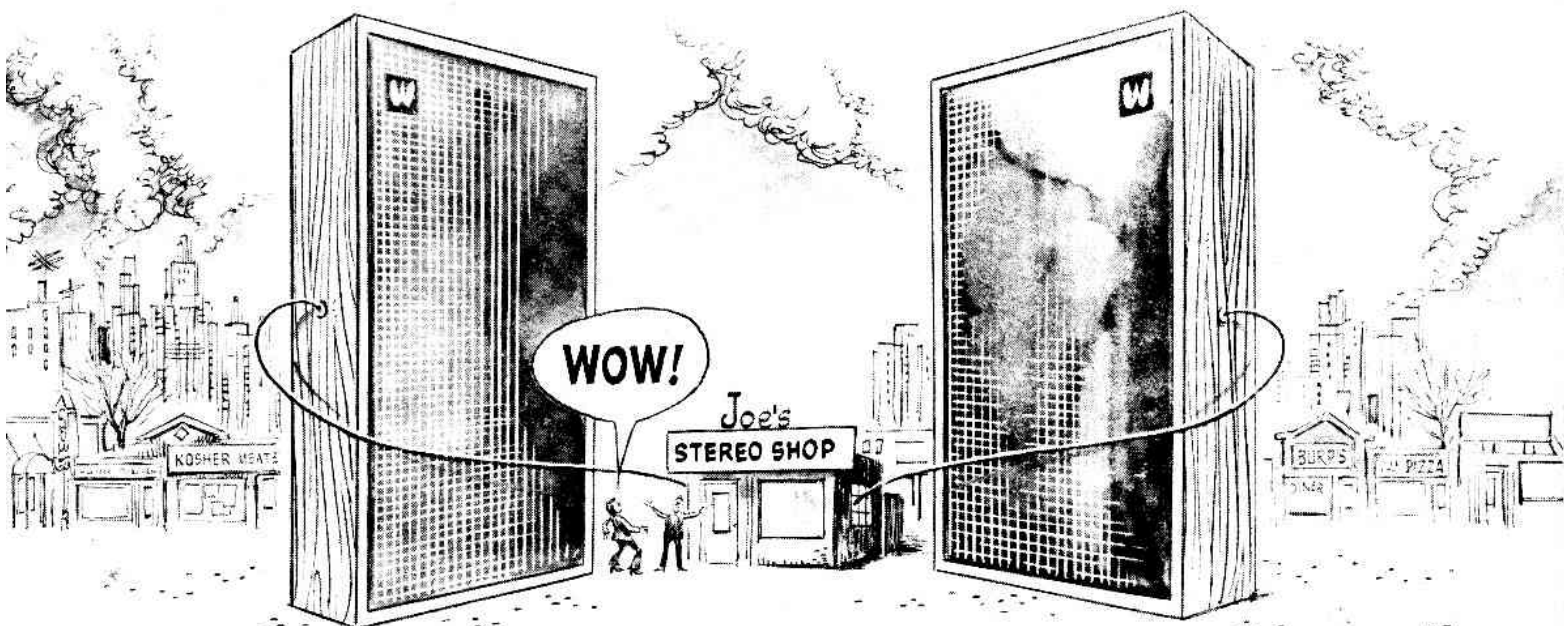
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Warden, you're going to have to give me a higher number ... this one gives away my age!

TH'END



MONSTER

- Contempt for harassing torch-bearing villagers 13%
- Disdain for annoying bloodhounds 7%
- Despondency over lack of sex appeal with chicks 50%
- Preoccupation with having unsightly head bolts 12%
- Pentchant for picking up wardrobe at garage sales 8%
- Concern over having to take a blood test for marriage license 10%



MAD DOCTOR

- Concern over power blackout occurring during experiment 33%
- Anxiety over constant increases in the electric power rate 33%
- Annoyance with the rise in number of monster malpractice suits 16%
- Dissatisfaction with bumbling assistant 18%

Most of us are disinclined to waste
This hard-hearted attitude might
way o

WHAT GOES MONS MI

LAB ASSISTANT

- Jealousy over monster getting all the attention 25%
- Resentment over having to constantly dig up more body parts 23%
- Rage over lack of job pension plan & other fringe benefits 52%



FEMALE MONSTER

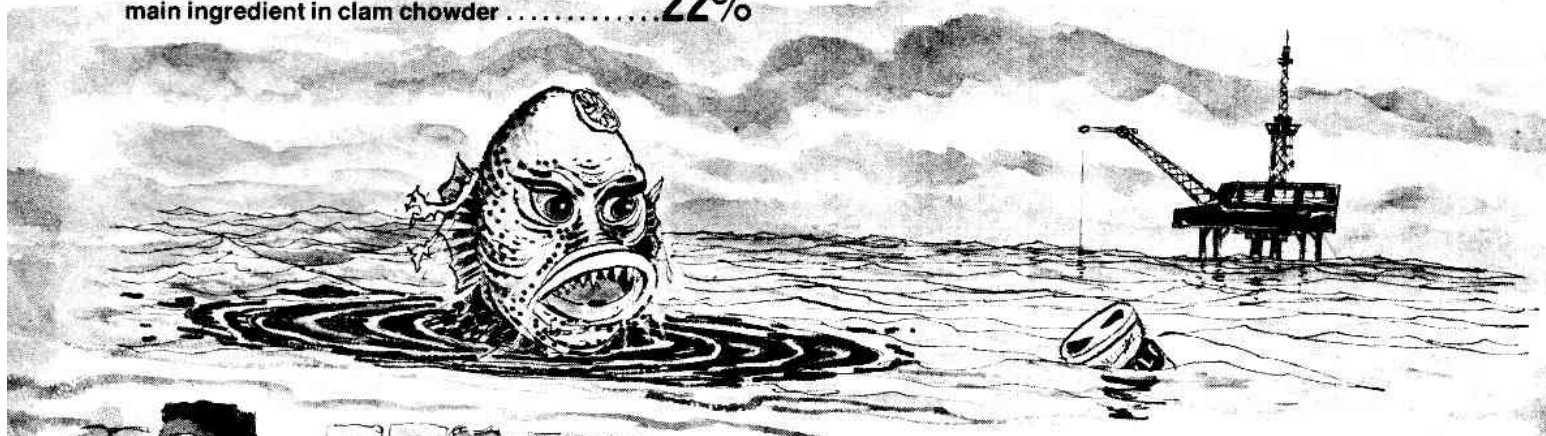
- Indignation over being given an Afro-hairdo 41%
- Curiosity over woman's lib position on female monsters 37%
- Impatience with the creepy guy in high-soled shoes who's giving her the eye 22%

any sympathy on movie monsters.
be corrected if we had some
finding out . . .

SON IN A TER'S ND

SEA CREATURE

- Loathing for water polluters 22%
- Annoyance at having to continuously
scrape off barnacles 14%
- Contempt for skin-diving spear gunners 11%
- Fondness for old Esther Williams movies 31%
- Apprehension at winding up as the
main ingredient in clam chowder 22%



KING KONG

- Infatuation with Fay Wray 19%
- Compulsion to climb tall buildings 17%
- Worry about where next meal of 10,000
Bananas is going to come from 51%
- Puzzlement over why firebirds attack him
every time he climbs the Empire State 11%
- Guilt over having to leave Queen Kong and
Kong Jr. back in the Congo 2%



DRACULA

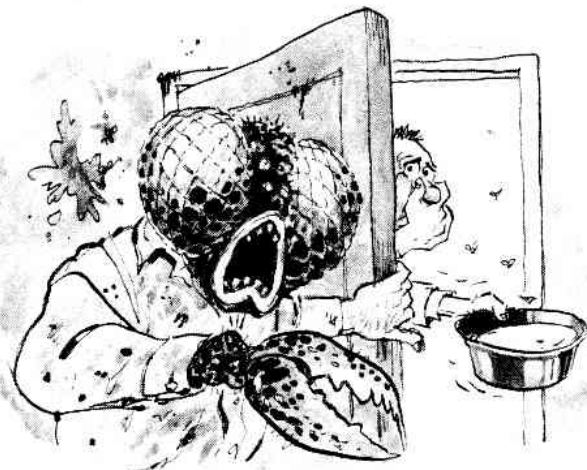
- Confusion over how daylight saving
affects time of sunrise and sunset 11%
- Morbid fear of stakes, wolfbane
and marriage-happy vampiresses 31%
- Disdain for slovenly victims
with unwashed necks 8%
- Disgust with polyester capes
that last only a few years 9%
- Anxiety over root canal work
that has to be done on Fang 25%
- Fear of biting someone with hepatitis 16%

- Fear of inquisitive archeologists and grave robbers ... **31%**
- Curiosity over whether Blue Cross membership entitles one to fresh bandages **15%**
- Musings on the riddle of the sphinx **12%**
- Despondency over winding up in a museum **22%**
- Anxiety over developing claustrophobia **20%**



FLY CREATURE

- Passion for rancid, smelly garbage cans **24%**
- Remorse at compulsion to leave specks on ceilings **17%**
- Yearning for an antidote to D.D.T. **31%**
- Concern over abundance of fly paper **28%**

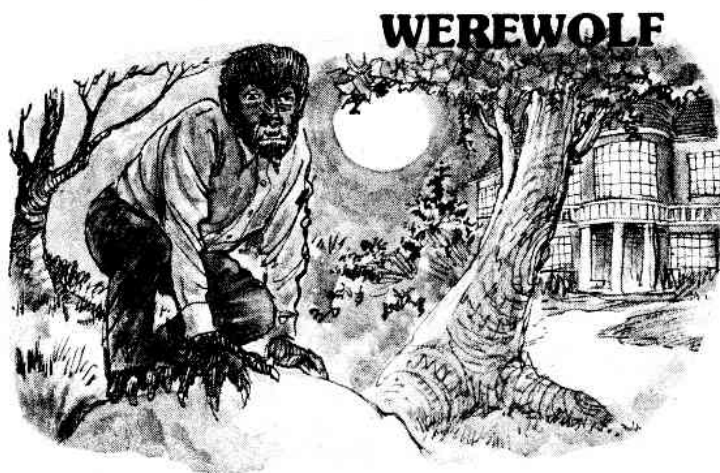


INVISIBLE MAN

- Preoccupation with peeping tomism ... **35%**
- Vexation at being overlooked in the last census **38%**
- Distress at never being able to catch a waiter's eye **32%**



- Confusion over whether to apply for two social security cards **39%**
- Guilt over listing self as a tax dependent **23%**
- Concern over identity crisis **38%**



WEREWOLF

WITCH

- Grief over the injustices of Salem **39%**
- Annoyance at broom splinters **18%**
- Despondency over the approach of the 500th birthday **43%**



DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE

- Preoccupation with dandruff problems **24%**
- Concern over premature baldness **17%**
- Enthusiasm for the rock musical "Hair" **10%**
- Fondness for TV shampoo commercials **9%**
- Infatuation with a circus bear **28%**

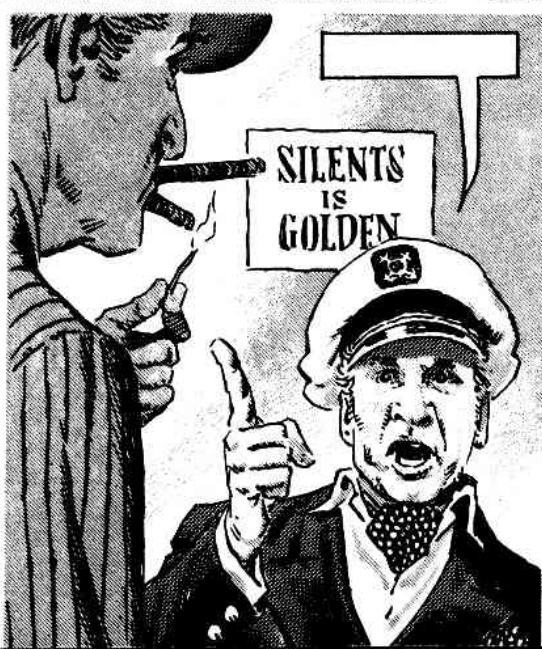


By now, most of you have probably seen the new Mel Brooks movie that's out, and ever since, you've probably been wondering what studio would be dumb enough to spend a couple of million dollars to finance a modern-day film that has no spoken dialog? Good question—and it deserves a good answer. Unfortunately, you'll have to settle for our next article, instead, entitled

THE MAKING OF SILENT MOVIE



Mr. Adunce,
how did
you like the
script for
my
new movie?



I will prove
that you're wrong,
Mr. Adunce, by
making the film
anyway!
And if it bombs,
I will hock
my aardvark to
pay back the
money
you've put out!



The first thing I need is a good co-star. I'll try Marty Feldman—I hear all he's been doing lately is odd jobs.



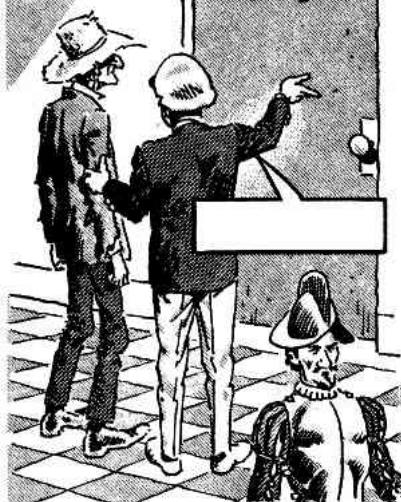
Will you do it?





A SWEATER IS
A GARMENT THAT
A CHILD WEARS
WHEN HIS MOTHER
FEELS CHILLY.

COSTUME
DEPT



SURE!

You'll need
a costume.

Let's try
some on!



BIRDS,
AGAIN!



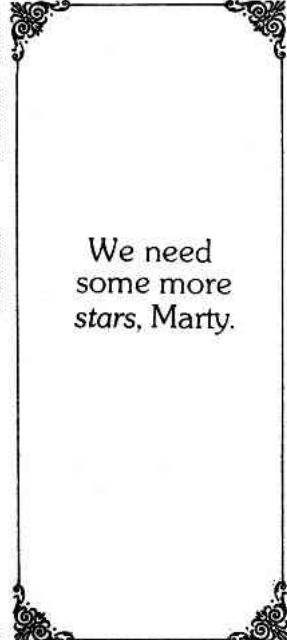
READY FOR
"SWAN
LAKE"?



IF AT FIRST
YOU DON'T
REDE...
DIET!
DIET!
AGAIN!

FINALLY!
A BIRD MAN

We need
some more
stars, Marty.

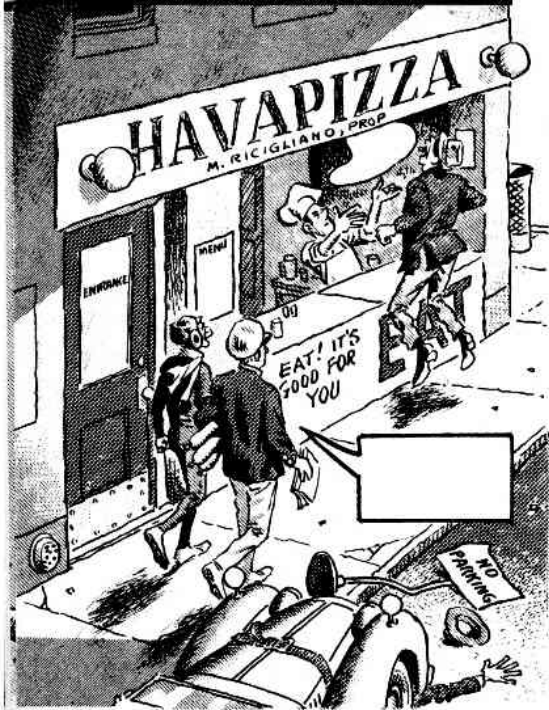


WHEN A WOMAN
LOWERS HER
VOICE, IT'S A
SIGN SHE WANTS
SOMETHING.
WHEN SHE RAISES
IT, IT'S A SIGN
SHE DIDN'T
GET IT!



WHEN WATER DOESN'T RUN OUT OF A
PIPE... YOU MAY HAVE TO FAUCET!

OUR AIM
IS TO KEEP
OUR CITY
CLEAN
YOUR AIM
WILL HELP



It's
Dom DeLuise.
Let's make him
an offer he
can't refuse.



I'll do it!



Well fellows,
we've just
got one more
problem
to overcome
before we can
begin shooting.
The picture
is *overbudgeted*
and I need
some extra
money to
buy film.



How come
the balloons
over our
heads are
always empty?

Because
we're not really
talking.

Well then,
if they're not
being used ...



Hurray!
Now we can
begin filming—
if you haven't
eaten the
cameras!

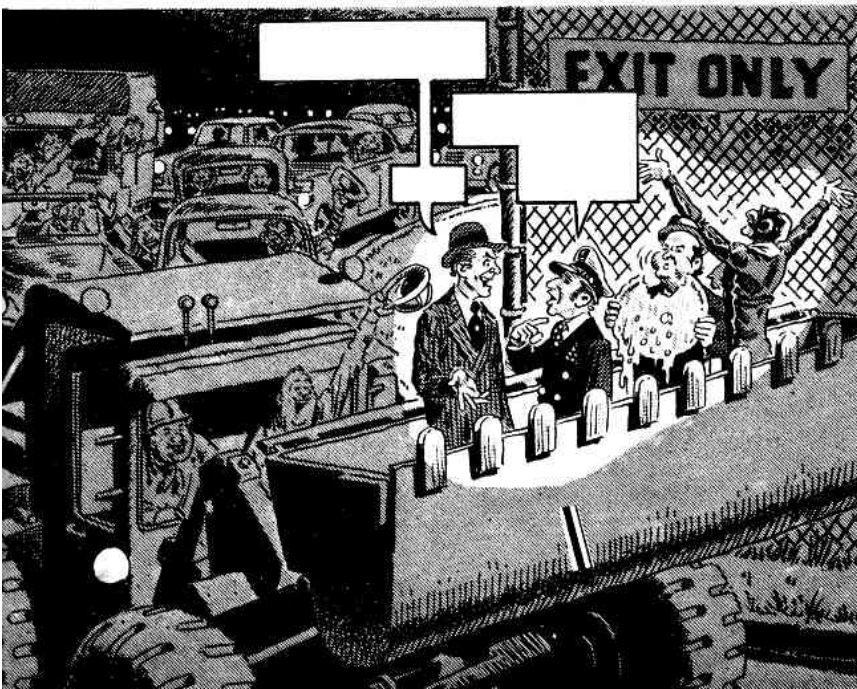


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MEL BROOKS
IN
SILENT MOVIE



Ha! Ha! Ha!
Ha! Ha!

Titter! Hee!
Ha! Ha! Ha!
... Haw!



It's a hit!!
But just one
thing, Mr. Brooks.
Why did you
decide to make
a silent movie?

Because you
see, sir, I
wanted to be
the star but I
had laryngitis!



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Whether it be spring, summer, fall or winter, lately there's one thing you always find in the woods—Right!—Litter! And why is there litter? Mostly because the sport of backpacking has caught on in such great numbers. Some go out for a day—others a week and still others . . . Well, you'll meet the champ of them all when

CRACKED INTERVIEWS

THE OUTDOOR KING

Greetings, America. This is **Nanny Dickering** once again and this month I'm somewhere in the **Adirondack Mountains** where I have found a man who lives in the woods 365 days a year. Yes, friends, he is truly **The Outdoor King**.

Good afternoon, mighty Mike.

Hi, Nanny. Welcome to my home.

Why did you choose to live in the woods?

Well, the area was nice . . . the neighbors were quiet and the rent was cheap!



GET A STICK AND I'LL KILL IT

I WANT A BEA GRANDMOTHER... COME ON—MULTIPLY-MULTIPLY!

WE CAN'T, WE'RE ADDERS

PR-R-R-R

D. BOONE
KILT A
JUG OF
RED EYE
IN THIS
TREE

XXX

I understand that to a backpacker every ounce of weight counts.

That's correct. For example, let's look at my tooth brush.

CRACKED is asking the camping store clerk for dehydrated water!

Notice how I sawed it in half and then removed all the bristles except one.

Amazing! One bristle! And that cleans your teeth well?

Actually, it cleans my teeth horribly ... but it is light.

What about food?

No, thanks, Nanny. I just ate.

That wasn't a dinner invitation.

Oh—well, I live on the freeze-dried variety. All you do is add boiling water and you have an instant dinner.

May I taste it?

Certainly.

GREEDYMAN
FREEZE DRIED
TURKEY DINNER
FOR 46
JUST ADD 3
GALLONS OF WATER

That's turkey, mashed potatoes and peas you're eating.

It tastes more like wet cardboard.

That's because you're not accustomed to the outdoor way of life. There's something about being here, away from civilization, that makes that taste like a \$12.95 dinner.

And that one thing is ... ?

Starvation!

CRANK

Speaking of starvation, what if you do run out of food?

What's that?

Then you whip out this.

The phone number
of the nearest deli
that delivers!

DELI
CITY
AROUND THE
CLOCK SERVICE

I understand you live in a lean-
to made entirely from plastic
tarpaulins.

That's correct. Behind you
is one of my better ones

NO
HUNTING
GAME
WARDENS
OUT OF
SEASON
LAW ENFORCED

Why — that's
beautiful.

Thank you.

You made that
all by yourself?

Well, no. It took
three days and
eight assistants.

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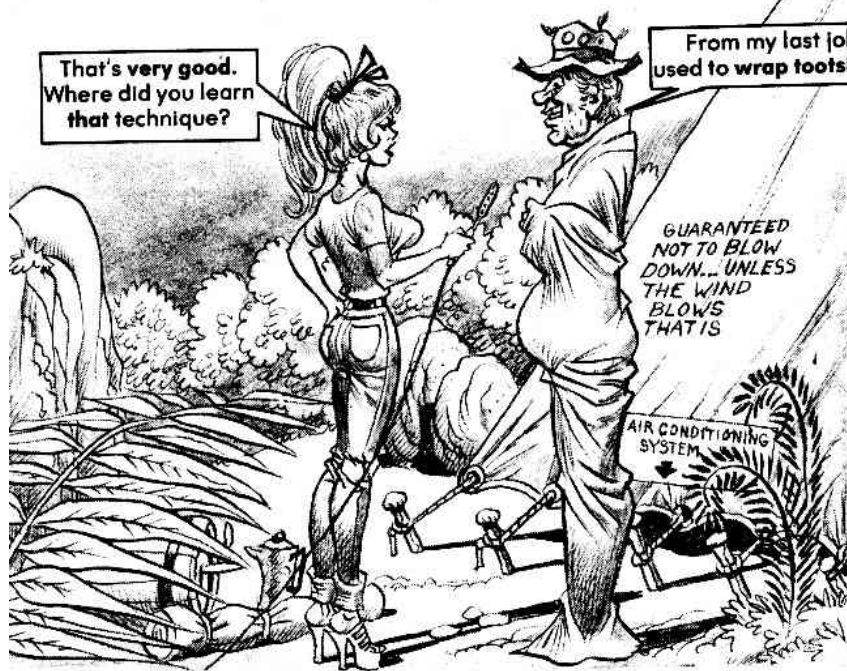
LA CASA
CONTENTE

What happens
when you're
out here by
yourself?

Which is?

Oh — then I make a
quicky tarp lean-to.







Wala! You have a fire. You see, Nanny, this is living the organic way—really taking advantage of nature.

I'll say.

I've been noticing your feet. Those are pretty strange shoes. Are they comfortable?

What shoes? This is moleskin which I use to cover the blisters I get from hiking.

Is there any way to avoid getting such blisters?

Indeed there is.

How's that?

Stop walking.

AND THAT, SON, IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T EAT YOUR CABBAGE AND CARROTS

You know, I find it amazing that anyone could live off his back 52 weeks a year!

So do I. I wonder how they do it?

Don't you? I thought you said you camp out 365 days a year.

I do, Nanny. For three days I use that dumb pack, but the rest of the time...



I use this!

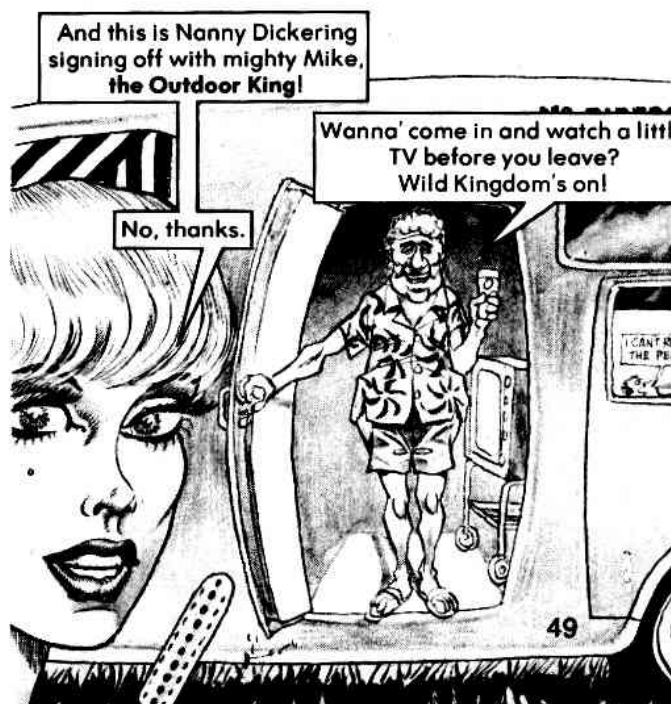
Some outdoorsman!

It's the only way to rough it.

NO RIDERS EXCEPT GIRLS THAT IS

HOBOKEN OR Bust

STABBY



And this is Nanny Dickering signing off with mighty Mike, the Outdoor King!

Wanna' come in and watch a little TV before you leave? Wild Kingdom's on!

No, thanks.

**Another
CRACKED
COMIC STRIP**

ПРОДАЖА

THIS ONE!

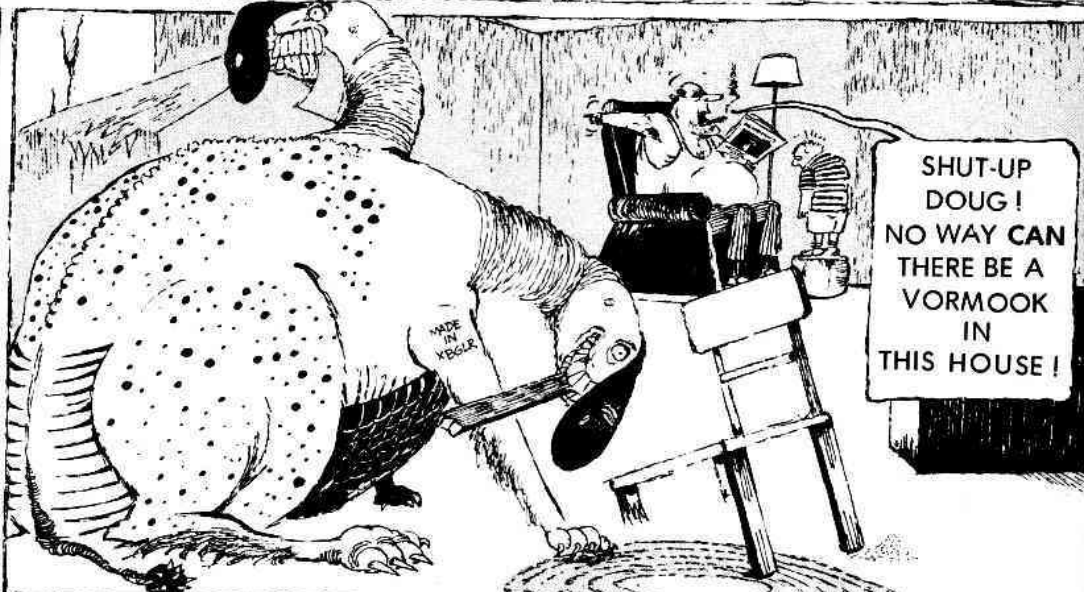
**"WRONG!
IT'S IN THIS
ONE...
SEE!!**



SHUT-UP SYLVIA!! I'M ONLY
TAKING THE GARBAGE OUT!



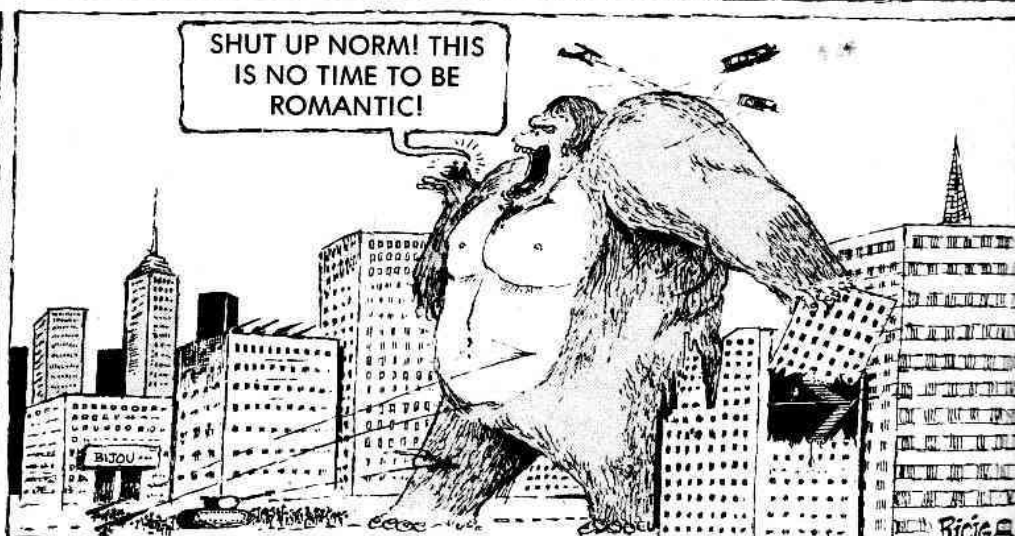
**BUT DAD!
WHY CAN'T I
HAVE A PET?
EVERY KID ON
THE BLOCK
HAS ONE.**



SHUT-UP
DOUG!
NO WAY CAN
THERE BE A
VORMOOK
IN
THIS HOUSE!



**DENISE,
LOOK OUT THERE!
ISN'T THE VIEW
INCREDIBLE!**



SHUT UP NORM! THIS
IS NO TIME TO BE
ROMANTIC!

LEEDIN TWO THA REECOVARIE OV HIMM

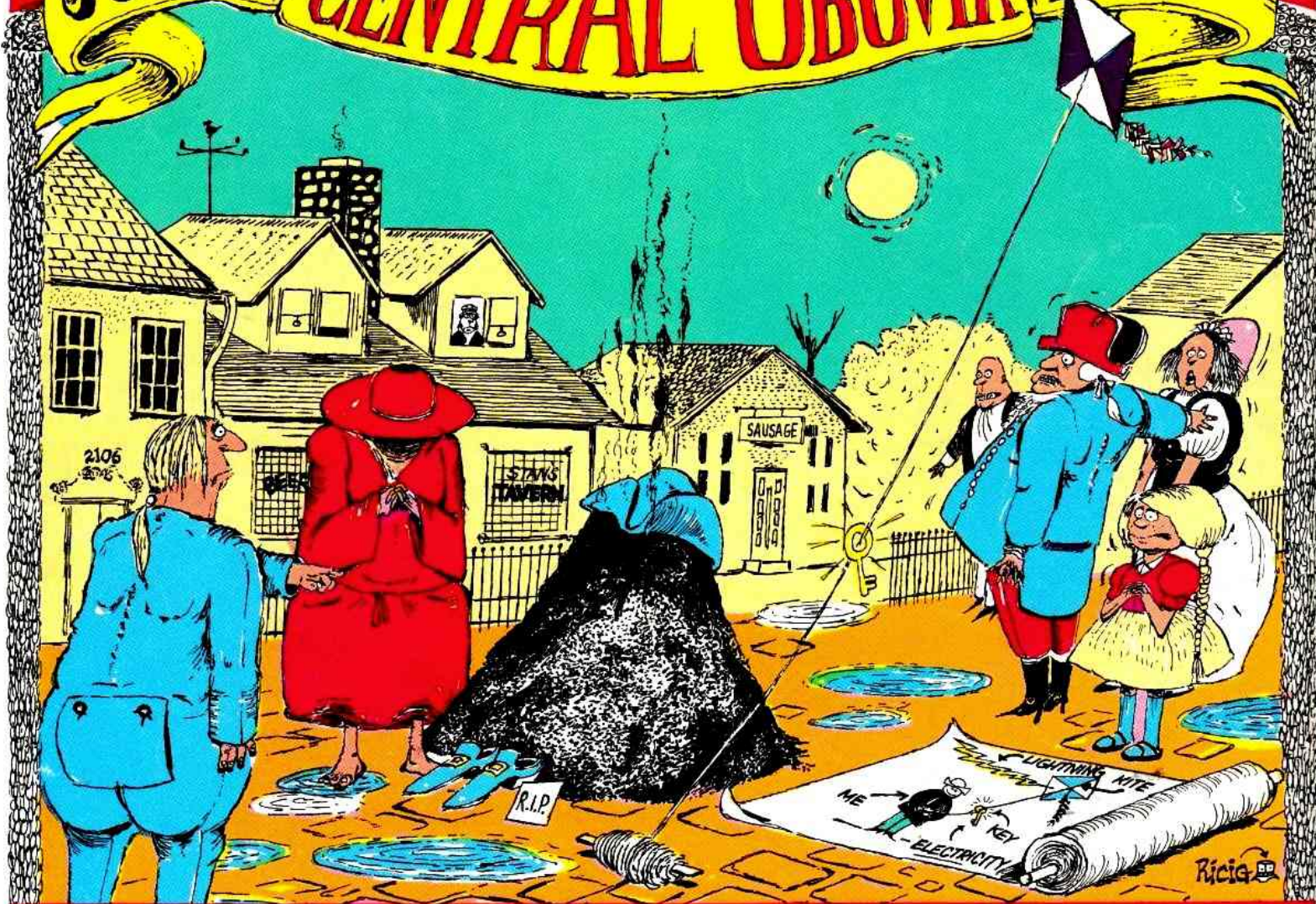
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